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"I'm pleased that Iowans will soon benefit from these planning grants, which will help Iowa communities get their economic development goals back on track," Braley said. "Developing a long-term plan will increase the effectiveness of the recovery process. I will continue working each day to ensure that Iowans have the resources they need to continue down the long road to recovery."

Once released, this money will be used for staffing and implementation of a plan to address disaster recovery items such as individual housing needs, small business needs, and buyout programs. Following are the three grant recipients, which represent Black Hawk, Bremer, Butler, Buchanan, Clinton, Delaware, Dubuque, Jackson and Jones Counties in the First District:

Iowa Northland Regional Economic Development Commission	\$300,000
East Central Iowa Council of Governments	\$300,000
East Central Intergovernmental Association	\$178,000